

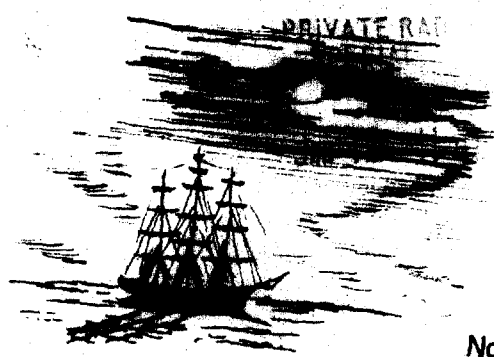
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FCC,

My Concern in a price hike on a  
Ship station licenses is not one that  
should be taken lightly, I am a firm  
believer in SAFETY & for items such  
as Radar and VHF marine radio's. There  
should not be any cost at all. If you  
raise the price of a license people  
will use alternative methods such as  
Cellular phones, Hand held C.B. Radio or  
GPS Systems. but most people just  
won't get a license, because we had  
enough of the Federal Government taking  
our money. The only reason people  
and Government Agency's need more

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Money is because they don't do  
How to manage the money they have.  
I suggest you lower the price to  
\$25.00 and get rid of some of the  
dead weight at the FCC & start  
to manage your money better.

Concerned Bather.

Lou Souper

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PLANNED FCC. REGULATORY FEES  
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Dear Sirs:

I am totally  
against having the \$35.00 fee for  
5 yrs raised to \$70.00 and  
\$105.00 for 10 yrs.

I have not seen or heard of any  
improved service, such as a clear  
monitoring of channel 16.

Two yrs ago as Fred and  
I were stranded on the bay (outdoor  
problems). I couldnot get through to  
the Coast Guard for assistance, because  
of the illegal use of channel 16.

My friend had to call Hollis & Maine  
Operator to call his wife to call the  
Coast Guard for us.

This illegal use of 16 is still  
going on today.

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This increase will only cause  
boat owners ~~that~~ either stop  
using the radio or using it  
illegally.

The present fee is high  
enough, don't make a person's  
pleasure too expensive for him to  
enjoy.

Sincerely Yours  
Richard Savare  
8310 Ridgely Oak Rd  
21234

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Secretary of FCC.

C/O Office of Managing Director  
Federal Communications Commission

To whom it concerns,

Many people, including us,  
will not be happy to see a boat safety  
feature like a VHF license being  
doubled.

Please do not let this happen. If  
it does take place we will be forced to  
drop our VHF license & marine radios.

Sincerely —  
George + Atkins

Florence E. Atkins

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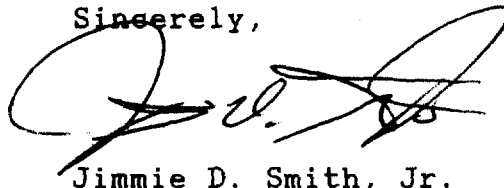
Secretary FCC  
1919 M Street  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Sir,

This letter is in reference to the proposed increase in marine ship radio license fees.

I ask that you please consider a much smaller increase in regulatory fees.

Sincerely,



Jimmie D. Smith, Jr.

JDS, Jr/jh

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Dear Secretary,

I am writing to protest the marine radio license fee increase "mandated" by congress. IT is another ill-conceived form of taxation aimed at boaters. VHF radios and EPIRBs are important pieces of safety equipment on small boats, and every effort should be made to encourage recreational boaters to have them on their boat. Increasing the license fee to \$35.00 several years ago was the first step in the wrong direction; doubling it makes no sense whatever.

Perhaps for millionaires who own half a million dollar boats a \$70.00 license fee is insignificant. But, most recreational boaters are not rich; they are just common people who save and sacrifice to be able to own a boat. Too many boaters do not own VHF radios or EPIRBs because there isn't money in their budgets for them. Increasing the cost of the license will increase the number of people who will be forced to pass up these important safety devices.

I urge you to waive the increase on the basis that such an increase will not promote the public interest.

Sincerely

R Jeffrey Huntz

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Louis S. Caretti  
5357 E. Hillcrest Dr.  
Port Orchard, WA 98366

Secretary, FCC  
1919 M Street NW  
Washington, DC 20554

Reference: PLANNED FCC REGULATORY FEES (SHIP STATION LICENSES)

Sir:

I doubt that any displeasure on my part regarding the proposed doubling of ship station license fees will make any difference in the decision process. Accordingly, I am making plans to remove the VHF radio and EPIRB from my 42' vessel when my present license expires. Additionally, I am discontinuing the planned purchase and installation of RADAR.

While I am aware that these actions will degrade the apparent safety of my vessel under some situations, I find that principle is much more important. I will get by with "CB", ships' whistle signals, and cellular phone and the smug satisfaction that I have been able to shove at least one idiotic, unjustified government tax where it belongs.

I am not alone in my feelings. I hope that you are taking the position of transferring the extra license fees to the Coast Guard budget to absorb the additional operating costs they will encounter without the same standard of communications and safety on the water.



*Louis S. Caretti*  
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John Choich  
12608 Blakely Pl. NW  
Seattle, Wa 98177

Secretary of the FCC  
c/o Office of Managing Director  
Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M St. NW  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Sir:

I strongly object to your plans to double the fee for VHF marine radio licenses in November. Doubling the cost of the licenses has a negative effect on boating safety and should not be imposed. The cost of government continues to escalate for no good reason other than to feed a growing and unnecessary bureaucracy. Please learn to live within your means like every other American is required to do.

Sincerely,

*John Choich*  
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Ed Shyyard  
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Shelton, Wa. 98584

Secretary FCC,

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the proposal to increase the marine ship station license fee from \$35 to \$70 for a five year license.

I greatly fear that doubling this fee will have a detrimental effect on marine safety by discouraging the use of marine VHF radios and/or the proper licensing of them. This might also lead to the kind of chaos that we experienced with licensing CB radios.

In summary, I urge you in the strongest possible terms to resist the temptation to increase the license fee for the marine station license.

Sincerely,

Ed Shyyard

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December 22, 1993

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Dear Sirs;

I am writing to object to the proposed additional tax of \$35.00 euphmistically referred to as a "user Fee" that is proposed to be added to the existing fee for VHF marine radio operator's licenses. Such an action is an unjustied and excessive additional tax that will have the harmful effect of disuading boat owners from purchasng an using these radios which are extremely important for safety at sea.

Having almost thirty years of experience sailing I know from my own personal experience that these readios are vitally important safety items. It has been my experience to summon the Coast Guard to the rescue of a vessel that did not have a radio on board which had struck a rock and was foundering due to a hole in its bottom. On board were several adults and children. Due to the draft of my own vessel we could not approach the other vessel close enough to assist in any form of rescue. In addition there were no other vessels within line of sight. If we had not carried a licensed vessel there was a very strong likelihood that injury and loss of life would have occurred.

In addition on two occasions vessels I was on board lost power and without a radio we may have run aground with risk of damage or injury but were instead able to call for and obtain assistance.

Yours truly,

  
Louis J. Spizziri

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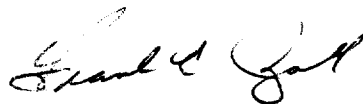
Gentlemen:

I am appalled to read about the proposed increase in marine radio license fee. (TAX) How is this charge going to be justified? It does not cost that much to process the paper work every five years.

More important, what effect this may have on boaters having and using radio for safety purposes. This is a giant step backward in the promotion of marine safety.

It is my understanding that you have the authority to waive the fee if such action is in the best public interest.

I wish congress would exhibit as much effort in reducing spending as they do in money raising gimmicks such as this. Don't let the pols ruin everything we have presently.



Frank E. Zoll

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